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### DEATHS.

On the 10th September, 1894, at his residence, Fochow Printing Press Office, at Fochow, 11.30 a.m., DOMINGO DO ROZARIO, aged 62.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1894.

### TELEGRAMS.

#### THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

LONDON, September 26th.

A second Japanese army corps of 30,000 men has embarked at Hiroshima for the seat of war, under the command of General Count Oyama Tawo, Minister of War. Its destination is kept secret.

The second squadron will escort the transport across the Yellow Sea, after which the first squadron will act as their escort to their destination.

#### A BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

A Chinese warship has seized the British steamer *Pathan* and taken her to Keelung, North Formosa. The Chinese authorities allege that she was carrying munitions of war at the time she fell into their hands.

#### ANOTHER TYPHOON!

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Enrique Ortiz, Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegraphic information, received from the Government of Manila:—

"MANILA, September 26th,

5.15 p.m.

There appears to be another depression to the south-east of Luzon.

September 27th,

6 a.m.

The depression announced yesterday struck the island of Luzon early this morning from the south-east. It will probably pass over Manila to-day. This typhoon appears to be moving from S.E. to N.W. We do not yet know if it will change its direction on entering the China Sea.

The typhoon is moving slowly and in the same direction as given in the telegram despatched at 6 a.m.

The Acting Director of the Observatory states in the weather forecast issued this morning that, at 10.25 a.m., a typhoon was situated to the south-east of Polinao, and that moderate to strong north-east winds and fair to showery weather may be expected here during the 24 hours ending at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The British gunboat *Fitch* and left here yesterday afternoon for a cruise.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Formosa*, from China, arrived in London on the 25th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver on the 26th inst.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another part of this issue, the "Bokhara" buoy has been replaced in its usual position.

The Nippon Yusen-Kaisha's chartered steamer *Calicut* took away nearly 270 Japanese passengers to Japan from Shanghai on Friday last.

The O. & O. S. Co.'s steamer *Ostende*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 25th inst.

The tea steamer *Sika*, which left Yokohama on the 25th ult., arrived at Tacoma on the 8th inst., reaching Chicago on the 19th, and at New York on the 23rd.

The Peruvian barque *Japan*, which sailed for Callao on the 21st inst., arrived here this morning owing to slight damage sustained in the recent typhoon and the approach of yet another "breake."

FROM THE ORIENT.—The Sultan—I am to be married next Monday and again on Friday next. Won't you grace, by your presence, at least one of my weddings? The Shah—How provoking! Have weddings of my own for both dates.

THUS THE *N. C. Daily News* of the 22nd inst.—It will be learnt with pleasure that the British gunboat *Pigmy* has been sent to Newchwang. The Admiral with the rest of the fleet left Choofoo just before the news of the action at the Yalu arrived.

OVER forty steamers were recently 'laid up' in the Tyne, of which two are 5,000-ton dead-weight boats, one quite new and the other built last year. Eight of the other large steamers 'laid up' have also all the latest improvements, and were built since 1890.

AN "express" was issued to-day notifying that no train can run after 8 p.m. to-morrow, on account of the cable having to be changed and preparations made for the new cable to be tested by the Government at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning. On Saturday the cars will resume running as usual.

A FULL report of the public meeting held this afternoon in connection with the recommendation that the services of the volunteers during the plague should be properly recognized by the Government and the community, and which proved one of the greatest successes that even this Colony has ever known, will appear in the next issue of this paper.

THE Acting Manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, courteously informs us that he has received a telegram from Head Office, London, advising that at the approaching meeting of shareholders, the Directors of the Bank will recommend a dividend for the half year ending 30th June last at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax.

TO-NIGHT Allison's Vandervell will give at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, under the auspices and in the presence of Governor Sir William Robinson, Major-General Digby Barker, and Commodore Boyer, R.N., one of the best shows that Hongkong has ever seen. The comedienne "A Happy Pair," the travesty sketch "A Modern School of Acting," the sparkling dialogue "Immense's Stratagem," the clever and amusing farce "Hard as K.H.I." in addition to Mr. Edmond's interesting photographic exhibition, Mr. Boyer's comic and piano obligato, and above all, Senorita Dolores' most graceful and unique Serpentine Dance, form a programme which ought to fill the Theatre twice over. Last night's performance, which was artistically an unequalled success, will be fully reviewed in our next issue.

THE following sailing vessels are on the berth here for New York:—*Jay, Susquehanna, Wm. H. Smith, H. Hackfeld, Lillian L. Robbins, George S. Homer, Wm. J. Roach*, and the historical ship *Wandering Jew*, due here shortly from the United States with a cargo of kerosene oil.

SEVERAL charters have recently been fixed by local shipbrokers for vessels running between Japanese coal ports and Hongkong at full rates, notwithstanding the material increase in the price of coal at Moji, Nagasaki and other well known coaling ports in the Land of the Rising Sun.

News has been received by the British Minister at Peking of the execution of the murderer of the Rev. Mr. Wylie, of Newchwang. As the punishment was prompt, and on the spot where the outrage was committed, it ought to have a good effect and satisfy even the hysterical Editor of the *China Gazette*.

RECENT news from Japan is to the effect that the Japanese Government is contemplating the issue of a notification prohibiting the export of coal, but Messrs. Lamka and Rogge, in their freight circular issued to-day, state that nothing is yet definitely known of the policy of the Mikado's advisers in this connection.

DURING the past fortnight rates of coast freight between this port and Saigon have receded from 20 to 17½ cents per picul, owing chiefly to grain having become scarce, and consequently very dear, in Cochinchina. For Bangkok, however, tonnage is in great demand and rates are firm at 21 and 26 cents per picul.

We understand that the abductees, S. A. Rahman, and his brother-in-law Dehenia, whose fight was referred to recently in these columns, have been arrested in Kudat, British North Borneo. It is highly probable that they will arrive here by the "Blue Funnel" steamer *Memnon* this evening or to-morrow morning.

THE demand for suitable coasting steamers, recently mentioned in these columns, still continues, and during the past week several steamers have been "fixed" at highly profitable rates, notably the *Wholan* and *Devenue* from Moji to Hongkong, and the *Amigo* for \$4,400 per month for twelve months, and the *Swallow* and *Freja*, both on monthly charters of \$5,000 and \$5,300 respectively.

SEVEN hundred and fifteen survivors from the wreck of the ill-fated Chinese transport *Chuan*, late *Whaan*, arrived off Taiwan on the 23rd instant on board the Chinese transport *Cass*, but could not land on the "Beautiful Isle" owing to the heavy sea running on the bar at that port. The *Cass* was therefore headed for the Pescadore, near by, but subsequently landed the port and landed her cargo of "braves." According to information received from the Douglas Co's steamer *Thales*, Captain H. Balhurst, which arrived here this morning from Taiwan, Captain Jensen, the master of the *Cass*, reported having left Shingon Island, the scene of the wreck of the *Chuan*, on the 22nd inst., and making straight for Taiwan, the port to which the *Chuan* was bound for when she came to grief on the 16th inst.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Fochow under date 22nd instant says:—"The latest movement set on foot in this out of the way place is nothing more nor less than a miniature P.W.D., which is to be known as the Public Works Committee. It is proposed that this body shall take the place of the existing Fochow Road Trustees and conduct the business of a local postal service. In reference to the latter an "express" was issued a day or two ago, inviting the members of the community to forward designs to Mr. R. W. Mansfield, the Chairman of the Committee, for twelve designs for postage stamps of the following denominations:—Two for half-cent and one for one cent stamps; one each for 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 40 cents stamps, and a design for half-cent stamps for newspaper wrappers. A price of \$5 for each design selected by the Committee is offered. In the course of a week or two we shall probably know who the fortunate designers are. Where is the alphabetical "Shin," F.R.I.B.A., etc? This would indeed be a glorious chance for him to show the "young idea" how to draw.

The Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4.15.

Orders of the Day.—Mr. Francis, pursuant to notice, will move—"That the management of Water Works be transferred to the Sanitary Board as the Water Authority."

Mr. Leigh, pursuant to notice, will ask—"What steps, if any, are being taken by the Government to provide a suitable site, properly laid out, for the accommodation of the squatters who are likely to be turned out from Island Lot 1,018, and if so, will this site be ready by the expiration of the month's notice given to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co." Agenda.—(1) Mortality Return for week ended the 23rd September, 1894. (2) Letter from Surgeon-Major James concerning his departure from the Colony. (3) Surveyor's reports upon the condition of drains at (a) Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

### DEATH OF BISHOP RAIMONDI.

We regret to learn that Dr. Raimondi, Bishop of Acaotho and for many years the guide, philosopher and friend of the Roman Catholic community of Hongkong, died at one o'clock to-day.

A solemn requiem in honour of the dead will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the funeral will leave there at 4 p.m. We trust to be able to give a brief account of the career of Dr. Raimondi in our next issue.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.)

### TYPHOON WARNINGS.

To be read on the "Hongkong Telegraph." Sir,—Having read in your issue of the 25th ult. of the disastrous loss to life and property caused by the typhoon that raged here on Tuesday, which as you rightly say was caused mainly by the wholly insufficient warnings given by the Observatory, I would like to ask how it is that this institution, which was established in order to give timely warning to the whole sea-going community, should on some occasions be so deficient? Who was to blame? Surely a capable man with every convenience in the way of scientific instruments and telegraphic communication should be able to give fair warning of approaching storms, instead of giving through the faces of a few men what is already known to us. There must be some great deficiency somewhere, and the sooner the deficiency is pointed out and a competent meteorologist put in

charge, the better will it be for the community at large.

Yours, etc.,

BRI 154 MARINER.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1894.

Our correspondent should by this time be aware that several abortive attempts have been made to straighten things up in "Dobson Castle," but they have proved just as abortive as have the alleged attempts of the Retrenchment Commission to check the squandering of the public funds. We are not without hope, however, that something in the nature of much-needed reform will be effected in the not far distant future, for it is abundantly manifest that public interests have been trifled with to an extent which is alike disgraceful and intolerable.—Ed., *H.K. Telegraph*.

### THE WAR IN THE NORTH.







